(f) No. Because temporary arrangements made every year serve the purpose well.

Aadur chira—Talappalli Taluk.

310. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the work of constructing a connecting channel between Aadur chira and Elavathingal thodu has not been completed and check-measured in 1107;

(b) has the eastern end of new channel been opened for irrigation purposes;

(c) if not opened, the reason for not opening it;

(d) will not the opening of it benefit lands to the extent of 800—1000 acres?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The channel was cut and work check-measured in 1107 but two pipes remain to be fitted up at the mouth of the channel.

(b) Not yet formally opened. But this year when there was scarcity of water for the fields, water was let in.

(c) It was not formally opened as the pipes have yet to be fitted up.

(d) It would benefit some lands. As this new channel is only supplementing the supply of the Elavathingal thodu, the area of land benefitted by the new channel cannot be definitely stated.

The aqueduct at Aloor—Talappalli Taluk.

311. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) referring to question No. 101 of Legislative (Vrischigam) session of 1108 the nature of the damage to the R. C. posts;

(b) how many posts were there in all and how many were damaged;

(c) were not those that were damaged at the ends of the aqueduct;

(d) what portion of the river will be affected most with reference to pillars erected in it by floods—central ones or those near the shore;

(e) have not requisitions for the extensions of the channel fed by the aqueduct been received from the ryots;

(f) what action has been taken, if any?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The posts have been broken and some have fallen down.

(b) 9 sets of posts. 8 are damaged.

(c) Those at the ends as well as those in the middle were affected.

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